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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 AND AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action of 01/19/06 (the "Official Action"), for which a response was due 04/19/06, now extended three (3) months until 07/19/06, Applicants hereby request continued examination under 37 C.F.R.§ 1.114, and further respond as follows:

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